

## Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A method for reproducing an original image on an image carrier comprising the steps of :

- generating a conjoined first and second sub-image, each representative for a portion of said original image ;
- defining an overlap region as a region where both sub-images give a contribution to the integral optical density of the image carrier ;
- establishing for each sub-image a peripheral edge in said overlap region ;
- increasing said contribution by said first sub-image from said peripheral edge of said first sub-image to said peripheral edge of said second sub-image.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, comprising the steps of :

- dividing said overlap region in a partition of microdots ;
- assigning to at least one microdot an intermediate microscopic density substantially different from a minimum and maximum microscopic density of said microdots.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) An imaging system for reproducing an original

image by an imaging device on an image carrier comprising :

- means for generating a conjoined first and second sub-image, each representative for a portion of said original image ;
- means for defining an overlap region as a region where both sub-images give a contribution to the integral optical density of the image carrier ;
- means for establishing for each sub-image a peripheral edge in said overlap region ;
- means for increasing said contribution by said first sub-image from said peripheral edge of said first sub-image to said peripheral edge of said second sub-image.